



Mallard, Third Place  
By Megan Glanville, age 13, Art teacher: Cookie Dellavou  
Hank Marsh Junior High School, Chico

February 2002						
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# March

**M**ost domestic ducks owe their origin to the mallard. This extremely social duck is often found in pairs or large groups.

By tipping its tail in the air, the mallard dabbles underwater for seeds, bugs, aquatic invertebrates, and water plants at the bottom of shallow ponds and flooded fields.


California hosts more nesting mallards than any other duck. Normally a hen nests in the tall plants of a densely vegetated open field. She mixes plant debris, leaves, and grass with down and feathers to form a large, bowl-shaped nest. When she is away from the nest, she covers her eggs with down from the sides of the nest.



Hooded Merganser, Honorable Mention  
By Juney Lee, age 15, Art teacher: Dennis Neu  
Davis Senior High School, Davis



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Canada Goose, First Place By Sam Cornell age 18 Art teacher: Deborah George Sheldon High School, Sacramento			<b>1</b>  Sutter Bypass WA Established 1966	<b>2</b>  Mendocino Whale Festival (707) 961-6300
<b>3</b>  Mendocino Whale Festival (707) 961-6300	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Last Quarter	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Wild on Wetlands Festival, Los Banos (209) 826-3508
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<b>17</b>  Fort Bragg Whale Festival, Mendocino Co. (707) 961-6300  St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Spring Equinox	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Aleutian Goose Festival, Crescent City (800) 343-8300	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> / <b>31</b>  24 - Aleutian Goose Festival, Crescent City (800) 343-8300  24 - Palm Sunday 31 - Easter	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Passover Begins  Full Moon	<b>29</b>  Good Friday	<b>30</b>  Wild Turkey Jr. Hunt, Lake Mendocino (707) 944-5528  Sutter NWR Established 1945